

A young successful entrepreneur and avid community activist, Miguel Feliciano has resided in Brooklyn, New York since moving from Puerto Rico in 1956.

Mr. Feliciano is known for his friendly, energetic and dynamic style. Servicing our community for over 25 years, Mr. Feliciano has left his mark on the real estate and banking fields. He is the president of Feliciano Properties Inc., and executive vice president of Equitable Funding, a licensed mortgage bank with offices in the neighborhood of City Line, Brooklyn.

Mr. Feliciano's honors include: Chairman of the Board of Managers of North Brooklyn YMCA, Recipient of the coveted YMCA of Greater New York Volunteer of the Year Award, Founder of the Brooklyn East Sports Federation, servicing our youth since 1987, Commissioner of the Pedrin Zorilla Baseball League, Member of New York City Community Planning Board #5, Treasurer of the East New York Urban Youth Corp, Former President of the Liberty Avenue Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Feliciano demonstrated his leadership skills early on when he helped organized the youth at Our Lady of Presentation, a Catholic Church in Ocean Hill Brownsville the community where he was raised. He is a staunch supporter of his Hispanic heritage as shown by his participation and support in the annual celebration of the Feast of the Epiphany (three Kings Day) held on January 6th at the Twelve Towns YMCA.

Mr. Feliciano attended Thomas Jefferson High School in East New York Brooklyn and later graduated from Bernard Baruch College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Business Administration Degree with a major in Accounting. After obtaining his degree, he went into the banking and financial services business. Mr. Feliciano later applied his business acumen as District Business Manager for the Board of Education in District 12 in the borough of the Bronx before embarking on his own.

Mr. Feliciano is a dedicated loving husband and father who strives to be a role model for all his children and the children of his community.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Miguel Feliciano as he offers his talents and philanthropic services for the betterment of our local community.

Mr. Speaker, Miguel Feliciano's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

#### CAROLINE SPARROW HART MAKES HER MARK ON THE WORLD

#### HON. BOB ETHERIDGE

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. ETHERIDGE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate John Webb Hart and Virginia Sparrow Hart on the birth of their first child, Caroline Sparrow Hart. Caroline was born on Friday, June 9, 2006 and weighed 7 pounds and 5 ounces. Faye joins me in wishing John and Virginia Sparrow Hart great happiness during this very special time in their lives.

As a father and grandfather, I know the joy, pride, and excitement that parents experience

upon the entrance of their child into the world. Representing hope, goodness, and innocence, a newborn allows those around her to see the world through her eyes . . . as a new, fresh place with unending possibilities for the future. Through a child, one is able to recognize and appreciate the full potential of the human race. I know the Harts look forward to the changes and challenges, that their new daughter will bring to their lives while taking pleasure in the many rewards they are sure to receive as they watch her grow.

I welcome young Caroline into the world and wish John and Virginia all the best as they raise her.

#### A TRIBUTE TO PASTOR TYRONE STEVENSON

#### HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Pastor Tyrone Stevenson, a distinguished member of the Brooklyn, New York community. It behooves us to pay tribute to this outstanding leader and I hope my colleagues will join me in recognizing his impressive accomplishments.

Pastor Tyrone Stevenson is blessed by the unique privilege to serve the Lord in the community where he was born and raised. As his purpose in life manifests itself, he has the distinct honor to be the Senior Pastor of Hope Christian Center in Brooklyn, New York.

Pastor Stevenson is fueled by his God-given mission to disciple those whom we touch that they may in turn disciple those they touch for generations to come. As such, his preaching and teaching is geared towards transforming his congregates into equipped disciples.

Pastor Stevenson has been married to the love of his life, Terrie Lane Stevenson, and from their union, God has blessed them with two beautiful daughters, Emoni and Hannah.

After graduating from Forest Hills High School, Pastor Stevenson enlisted in the United States Navy and was discharged with honors after eight years of service. After which, he was a successful mortgage banker, writing millions of dollars in residential loans.

In 1994, Pastor Stevenson and his wife joined the First Baptist Church of Glenarden, in Landover, Maryland, under the leadership of Pastor John K. Jenkins, Sr. It was there, in 1995 that Pastor Stevenson yielded his life and responded to the call of ministry. As he grew in the Lord, Pastor Stevenson faithfully served his spiritual father, Pastor Jenkins, and witnessed the hand of God move in his life as the Lord propelled him forward in fulfilling His mandate. Pastor Stevenson has traveled tirelessly teaching and proclaiming the Word of God. On August 26, 2001, Pastor Stevenson answered the call of God to pastor. Shortly after that an opportunity arose for Pastor Stevenson to revitalize his home church in Brooklyn, New York.

Pastor Stevenson is now celebrating another milestone in his working legacy of dedicated and faithful service to the Lord. Because he dares to believe in God, his life and lifestyle serves as an example to those he leads.

Pastor Stevenson is a much sought after preacher. God uses him in a tremendous way

to minister directly to the hurts, issues and challenges of people with whom he comes in contact. God's effectiveness is manifested through the response of the unsaved to the preached Word.

Pastor Stevenson gives thanks to the Lord who has enabled him because God has counted him faithful by placing him in the ministry.

Mr. Speaker, I believe that it is incumbent on this body to recognize the accomplishments of Pastor Tyrone Stevenson, as he offers his talents and services for the betterment of our local and national communities.

Mr. Speaker, Pastor Tyrone Stevenson's selfless service has continuously demonstrated a level of altruistic dedication that makes him most worthy of our recognition today.

#### IN TRIBUTE TO THE LATE BEATRICE REEVES

#### HON. KENDRICK B. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 15, 2006

Mr. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my sad duty to inform my colleagues about the passing of a great lady of Miami and an anchor of one of Miami's great families: the late Beatrice "Bee" Reeves. Her sudden passing last Saturday, June 10, 2006 has truly left a deep void in our midst.

Mrs. Reeves represented the best and the noblest of our community. In her quiet but dignified way, she dedicated a major portion of her life to service in groups like the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, the Links, and the MRS Club, where she served as a past president. Her mission in life girded her belief that understanding of and compassion for the less fortunate defined her life-vocation as a gifted Christian and as a community leader who never sought the limelight.

She also loved to play bridge, and she was a member of the Tuesday and Saturday bridge clubs. From the stories I have heard about her enthusiasm and skill, you definitely wanted to have Mrs. Reeves playing on your side.

She was a multi-talented servant of the people, a civic activist, and an indefatigable community-builder, always thinking of others in her endeavors. The genuineness of her stewardship on behalf of our community was buttressed by her utmost consecration to her vocation as God's faithful servant, bringing hope and optimism to countless ordinary folks whose lives she touched so deeply, never holding anyone at arm's length.

This remarkable lady was our community's friend and confidante. I am deeply saddened by her passing. She will indeed be an indelible reminder of the noble commitment and quiet power of friendship she extended to anyone who came to her for help and advice. Her faith was deep and genuine, and her love for our community evoked her dynamic friendship and thorough understanding of the struggles and travails we have had to endure throughout all the years. No one who knew her—and was struck by her sunny disposition and optimism—went away not acknowledging the presence of a caring and compassionate community leader.

This Friday, June 16, 2006 a funeral mass will be celebrated at Miami's Episcopal Church